



## SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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### **A MEETING OF SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE BROADWAY CENTRE ON 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2006 AT 7.0PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT Cllr Mereweather, (Mayor) Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Beevers, Cllr Ward,  
Cllr Stephenson**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Woolley, Cllr Wright, Cllr Dupre. Cllr Blezzard and Cllr Young apologised for lateness.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2006**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 06 were approved.

**4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2006.**

The Minutes of the Special Town Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June were approved.

**5. FINANCE**

The Clerk presented the financial figures for June 06 together with the 3 month's running total. The balances stand at £70,250.28 on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 06. The accounts were proposed, seconded and approved by the Council.

**6. CLERK TO REPORT ON: \_**

**a. Proposal for Ryde Town Council**

The Clerk reported that Ryde had met the criteria and was seeking approval to become a Town Council. It was agreed that this Council would send a letter of support to Ryde.

**b. Proposal for Carisbrooke Parish Council**

The Clerk reported that Carisbrooke had met the criteria and was seeking approval to become a Parish Council. It was agreed that this Council would send a letter of support to Carisbrooke

**c. Email from NALC**

The email asked for motions to be put forward for the NALC Conference in September. The Council noted the email.

**d. Licensing Act 2003. Guidance for Town and Parish Councils.**

The Clerk reported that she had received new Guidance for IW Town and Parish Councillors who are involved in organising events together with a notice on the remission of fees for Charities for Licensing Act 2003.

**e.** We had received today a notice from Standards Board regarding declarations of interest. It will be photocopied and put in the folders for Councillors' information.

**f.** A letter had been received from Sue Biddick regarding the use of Eastern Gardens. Cllr Humby was asked to clarify the situation. She said the land is owned by the Isle of Wight Council. The flower bed is the responsibility of the Partnership and as a point of information she said the sand was going to be cleared from the flower bed on Friday.

**g.** A Guide to Community Services and Information had been received that enabled people to be helped in their own homes.

**h. Tonnay-Charente Twinning.** A copy of an email from Jean Penouty had been forwarded to us by John Howell. It says there may be 12 people coming from Tonnay-Charente in September. The Clerk has talked to John Howell who hopes to have more firm news of their intentions in the next few days.

**i. Forward Plan.** A copy of the updated forward plan had been received from the Isle of Wight Council for information.

**j.** An email had been received from the Editor of the Beacon. It was agreed to pass it on to the Secretary of the Forum.

**k.** Island 2000 Trust had sent us an update news letter.

**l.** South Wight Youth Theatre had sent a letter applying for a grant together with an apology for the lateness of the application but the Secretary had been in hospital having a baby. It was agreed to put this on the Agenda in September. The Clerk has asked them for a copy of their accounts.

**m.** We have received a copy of the Community Care Guide.

**n.** Cllr Mereweather reported on a letter she had received from Roberta in St Pete Beach together with a book on Florida Beaches which is autographed by the author which is going to be put in Sandown Library. Some copies of Paradise News have also been received.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL OR ANY OTHER BODY PRIOR TO THE MEETING:-**

**Sandown Bay Action Plan.**

A notice of a meeting has been received for the public to attend and give their views on the Sandown Bay Action Plan that is being held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July at the Broadway Centre between 10am and 3pm. Comments are needed before the 18<sup>th</sup> August. 06

**8. OBSERVATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES.**

No written reports received. Cllr Teasdale gave a report on the Big Top, all the events are in place, and posters are out. The TIC are taking posters and selling tickets. Volunteers are still needed. Rotary are attending. Cllr Cowley volunteered to help. The lottery has been put on hold as the Partnership was sustaining losses.

Cllr Beevers reported on South Wight Youth Theatre. She thanked the Council that their late application would be considered for a grant. She reported they were going to put on another big production in the autumn and it was to be Return to the Forbidden Planet. Cllr Beevers raised a question about the date of the next Sandown Forum Meeting. Cllr Mereweather informed her that there were no meetings until September as the Forum is suspended in summer. The Clerk would check that the new secretary had Cllr Beevers address.

**9. SANDOWN IN BLOOM**

Cllr Mereweather reported that Credits for Wight in Bloom had been spent on plants for Eastern Gardens and the Broadway Centre. Unfortunately we were unable to use the plants we had obtained for the flower bed at Eastern Gardens as it is covered in sand to the depth of 9 ins. The agreement with the Council was that the Isle of Wight Council would be responsible for sweeping the area and keeping it free of sand but unfortunately they had not done it. We have been told it will be cleared of sand on Friday. The Clerk reported that she had help getting all the weeds out of the flower bed. The troughs have been planted up; flowers are being removed from the trough near the toilet but we keep replanting as fast as they are pulled out as it is the only way to prevent this. The concessions at Eastern Gardens are so pleased with what we have done.

The Clerk reported she had a wonderful day on Saturday taking the judge round the entries of Sandown in Bloom and Wight in Bloom. Judging took place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June.06. Going round Sandown on Saturday it was sad to see there were a number of lovely gardens that were not entered into the competition. A note of these gardens has been kept and it is her intention to contact them next year to see if they would enter the competition. The presentations will take place for Sandown in Bloom in September/October.

**10. OBSERVATIONS FROM CLLR HUMBY AND CLLR WARD ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Ward reported he went to Parliament to attend a meeting on coastal towns. The Government is wondering if it needs a policy for coastal towns. He reported he was the only Councillor there, the others were all officers. He tried hard to stress to the committee that whatever the problems are on the mainland they are compounded on the Isle of Wight because of its isolation.

He reported The Area Action Plan is being presented the next day at Browns Café at 7.0pm. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase and is a legal process as it extends from the South East Plan and then the Island Plan and he asked Councillors to attend.

He informed us that in Perowne Way speed bumps are being changed there will be a zebra crossing by the shop and other traffic calming measures from the bridge end to the shop will be installed. The residents association will have these proposals explained to them. He reported on the review that is taking place on Licence fees where Town and Parish Councils are being charged for using parks and gardens in their area. He said that they were to devise a policy as to who will be charged and who would not. He said it is not right and that a refund would be coming to the Sandown Community Big Top on the payment that had already been made. He reported that he is now the representative to the South East Regional Assembly.

Cllr Humby asked Cllr Ward if he would look into the case of Yaverland Sailing Club. Cllr Humby said Eastern Gardens hopefully will see on Friday the sand problem disappearing. She is also chasing up the lighting at Sandham Gardens. She reported that the anti-social behaviour is still a problem in Sandown. She reported the band had problems with young people last time they played at Sandham Band Stand, so she has asked the Observers to patrol during the next band concert. She has also asked the portfolio holder whether school grounds could be open for the youth, but at the end of the day it is up to the governors of the schools. She has not been able to get a zebra crossing at Avenue Rd or at the Broadway Centre. Concerns have been raised at the escalating number of flats and question how much more Sandown can take. There are problems with doctors, dentists and parking and we already have water shortage. Cllr Humby questioned why the railway station is closed as she has been asked by a number of people. Cllr Mereweather responded that the station cannot be opened up until it is manned. Everything is revolving round Bobby Lock and the Railway Strategic Partnership Station project. Letter from Josie Lillywhite to Cllr Humby regarding funding for a new project was passed to the Clerk. The Clerk said she would be happy to advise Mrs Lillywhite as there are thousands of pounds that a youth club could tap into for projects as Ventnor Youth Club had done. Cllr Teasdale raised a question on the illuminated lighting and asked if the County Councillors could chase it up.

The Clerk advised that some Councillors may be contacted during August should any planning applications be received as Officers tend to be on holiday at the Isle of Wight Council in August.

**DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

6<sup>th</sup> September 2006.

Signed

Date